



St. Anthony of Padua Catholic Church

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December 14, 2025 – Third Sunday of Advent (A)

A Message from Fr. Tom Donovan:



"Rejoice in the Lord always! Again, I say, Rejoice! Let your patience be known to all, for the Lord is at hand! Have no anxiety, but in all things, by prayer and supplication, with thanksgiving, let your requests be known to God. Lord, you have blessed the land and have turned away the captivity of Jacob!" (Ps 85:1, Phil 4:4-6)



We have had a few questions in the office and by phone asking about the number and frequency of recent second collections, as well as the purpose of those collections. I went through my own envelope pack this month and recognized that in addition to the nine envelopes for the nine Sundays of November and December, there are three envelopes for Holy Days (Immaculate Conception, Christmas, and Mary, Mother of God (New Year's)), then there were four additional envelopes, for Retired Religious, the Campaign for Justice and Peace, the Children's Home, and the Archdiocese of the Military Services.

So, for a parish trying to embrace a whole-hearted 'stewardship' approach to funding the parish and its missions, I myself find this a bit distracting and discouraging, and figure that, perhaps, this is not the best way to go about meeting the needs of our own parish contributions, as well as the other worthy causes for which have been asked to make contributions.

The second collections tend to be for diocesan or national causes, which are presented for your consideration. The collections for the Archdiocese of the Military Services and Retired Religious are national collections taken by the auspices of the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops, to be distributed for these worthy causes. As for the Military Archdiocese, this is a collection to provide for the essential services of the Archbishop and his staff, who have a worldwide archdiocese served by the priests who wear the uniform and are under contract by the Department of Defense. As such, they cannot take regular collections or make assessments like a regular diocesan Church can, and so every three years they ask for contributions from the faithful throughout the country, which in turn provides services for priests and service members of our Armed Forces. "Retired Religious" is a fund to support those religious communities with retired members who are not otherwise able to take care of themselves. After taking a life-long vow of poverty, and with declining numbers of members entering into some orders, this fund is a necessary request to see to it that those brothers and sisters in religious life whose orders are otherwise unable to see to it, that they have a dignified retirement.

The diocesan collection for "Justice and Peace" is the successor for the national collection known as the "Campaign for Human Development", which fell into disrepute some years ago, for making contributions to "community organizing" groups that ironically were unfriendly to the Catholic Faith. When I was a new pastor in 2008, recognizing the trouble with some of these organizations involved and impact it made on our credibility by holding this collection, I petitioned Bishop Lucas to break from the national collection. In response a diocesan collection was formed to replace the national collection, which made sure that Catholic projects to assist the poor are in harmony with our teachings and under local oversight. There are about 30 organizations across the diocese that receive funding from the Diocesan Campaign for Justice and Peace, including Birthright and the St. Francis Solanus Community Assistance program right here in Quincy—both exceptionally worthy and deserving causes that promote Catholic social justice values. Across the diocese there are also a fair number of St. Vincent DePaul Societies, Catholic Charities programs, and other community-based pregnancy and family-life outreaches also supported by this collection. Finally, the Children's Home collection on Christmas supports the Catholic Children's home in Alton, which provides residential and educational services for children placed in the care of the Holy by state or private welfare agencies, or by school districts.

These are all worthy causes, which I am happy to endorse and explain a little bit here for the good of our parishioners. Some years ago, I remember the rather frequent letters from the bishop being read at Mass regarding the second collections that were coming up. While we still receive those letters, usually they are simply printed in the bulletin or posted without receiving a lot of attention, as these are usually form letters. It has fallen out of fashion to take time at Mass to read them, as it sort of puts the bishop in a bad place where the only time you hear from him is when he is stumping for some second collection that is coming up!

While I ask our parishioners to remember to be generous in their stewardship giving to their parish, throughout the year there are a number of second collections, some more notable than others. In the past, I tried to make some of the lower-stature requests simple cash collections after communion. If you had any cash on hand that you'd like to give to the Church in Africa or Central America, there would not be an envelope, but we'd take that collection and send whatever we got. If a parishioner had a special devotion to these causes, one could contribute whatever they wanted and it would go to that cause. But in order to keep focus on the parish contributions and to keep mailing costs down, we did not always include that envelope in our pack.

In recent months, at the behest of the diocese, we have changed our collection envelope supplier, and all the sudden all of the envelopes that were in a standard subscription have reappeared in the packs mailed to our parishioners, and I think this is what caused some confusion. I want our people to know that we value your consideration and contributions to the many worthy causes that the diocesan and national and universal Church. Until there is a better way to do this (and there are some good best-practices for parishes which are a bit further along in the 'stewardship model' of parish giving), we'll need to proceed under the current plan for now. If there are ever any questions about the purpose of second collections, please ask... there may be others who are wanting to know more too. I'll do my best to communicate and be transparent about those needs that lie above and beyond the needs of our parish and its missions. Thank you!

— Mass Times —

Saturday: 4:00, 6:30 pm

Sunday: 8:00, 10:30 am

M, Tu, Th, at St. Anthony: 7:30 am

W. at St. Dominic 8:30 am

Th. at Good Samaritan 10:00 am

F. at St. Dominic 8:15 am

Holy Days: as announced

When on vacation visit: www.masstimes.org

— Sacrament of Reconciliation —

Saturday: 5:00-6:00 pm

and other times by appointment

— Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament —

Tuesday: after Mass until noon

except when a funeral is scheduled



Mass Intentions

Mon., December 15, 2025

7:30 a.m. NO MASS

Tues., December 16, 2025

7:30 a.m. Communion Service

Wed., December 17, 2025

—at St. Dominic School

8:30 a.m. Joe Grawe+

Thurs., December 18, 2025

7:30 a.m. Shirley Maas+

—at Good Samaritan

10:00 a.m. Ron Vogel+

Friday, December 19, 2025

—at St. Dominic School

8:15 a.m. Timothy Haley+

Fourth Sunday of Advent

Saturday, December 20, 2025

4:00 p.m. Andy Cherry+

6:30 p.m. Susan Bauer+

Sunday, December 21, 2025

8:00 a.m. Parish Intentions

10:30 a.m. Dorothy Parn+

Perpetual Prayer Candle

Week of December 13-19

Jake Messmer

— Parish Office Hours —

Monday-Friday

8:00 a.m.-1:00 p.m.

Bulletin Deadline: Monday, Noon

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A Message from Mrs. Carol Frericks—Principal

Eighth Grade Public Speaking Colloquium



On Wednesday, December 3, 2025, our eighth-grade students presented manuscript/memorized speeches on what they learned in their Speak the Faith Apologetics course, which they completed in Miss Glidewell's class recently. Their public speeches were presented in a colloquium, or academic conference setting, at St. Dominic School in front of family members, seventh-grade students, some teachers, and three Directors from the Education Department of the Diocese of Springfield. Each student chose one of the seven topics from the course for his/her thesis, and wrote a speech about the Catholic Faith and the science that supports his/her specific thesis. The students were challenged to provide more substantive evidence in support of their thesis than they previously used in their extemporaneous speeches earlier this year. Their manuscript speech was eight to ten minutes long and had to be at least 1000 words. Congratulations to our eighth-grade class for successfully developing their knowledge, skills, and disposition to stand up and defend the Catholic Faith in this public speaking setting.

Mark Your Calendar

MCA Jingle Jeans Countdown — December 15-19

Monday, December 15

6:30 PM PMO/QND Christmas Choir Concert

Tuesday, December 16

6:00 PM Joint Council Meeting

Wednesday, December 17

8:30 AM School Mass

9:30 AM Advent Confessions for Grades 4-8

6:00 PM Christmas Piano Recital

Thursday, December 18

11:30—12:30 PTO Christmas Luncheon for Staff

Friday, December 19 Half Day of School

Out of Dress Code Day

8:15 AM Quiet School Mass

11:30 AM Dismissal—No Lunch/No Bus Service

MCA Jingle Jeans Countdown to Christmas

It is time to start counting down to Christmas break! During the week of December 15th, students will have some fun opportunities to celebrate as Advent comes to a close. The fun activities are as follows:

Monday, December 15th: Students may wear pajama/leisure clothes.

Tuesday, December 16th: Students will make cards at school for the homebound at 2 PM.

Wednesday, December 17th: Students will get to have a sweet treat at the end of the day.

Thursday, December 18th: Students may wear a Christmas sweater or shirt.

Friday, December 19th: Students will have their class parties and an out-of-dress-code day.

We would also like to encourage students to share with the less fortunate this season. We have a pair of "Jingle Jeans" that we will use to collect donations. Students can bring in monetary donations as many times as they wish. We will be collecting from December 15th-19th. The proceeds from this collection will be sent to the Missionary Childhood Association.



Upcoming Events

St. Anthony Men's Society Pancake & Sausage Breakfast Sunday, December 14, 2025, 7 a.m.-noon



The Pancake & Sausage Breakfast sponsored by the Men's Society will be Sunday, Dec. 14th, 7 a.m.-noon. Adults \$14, Children \$7 (under 5 free). Dine in or carry out.

HELP IS NEEDED! Questions call Jr (217-779-0029) or Jackie Dreyer (217-222-8049). Help is also needed the day of the breakfast.

St. Anthony Ladies Bake Sale at the Pancake & Sausage Breakfast



The ladies of the parish will have a bake sale during the pancake & sausage breakfast. There will be an **abundance of homemade noodles for sale** as well as other goodies. Please mark this on your calendar and be thinking about what goodies you are going to be baking!

Brightening our Parishioners in Nursing Homes Christmas!



Christmas Cards for those in Nursing Homes Please remember the members of our parish who are in a nursing home this Christmas by giving them a Christmas card (or it can be a letter or a note). Receiving a card during these times is one way to bring some joy to them. They also like home-made cards/letters/photos from the school children. It means so much to them to know their parish family is thinking of them. Boxes will be in middle entrance of Church for each nursing home thru the weekend of December 20/21. Please drop the cards/letters/photos in the boxes, and mark on each envelope the name of the resident.

Parish Council Nominations



Candidates for the parish council must be over the age of 18 and a St. Anthony parish member who is a regular supporter of the parish through service activities or financial support or a combination of both and also have taken Protecting God's Children or Empowering God's Children and have completed a background check as required by the Diocese of Springfield. Any active and contributing parish member over 18 may nominate his or herself. If you nominate a person other than yourself, please contact that person to ask if they are willing to accept the nomination. The nomination ballots are in the pews this weekend and next. Please turn in nomination ballots in the collection basket or to the parish office by December 14th. If you have questions about serving on the parish council please feel free to contact the parish office 217-222-5996.

Mass Schedule for Christmas and New Year's Day



Christmas Mass Schedule

December 24th:	Mass times are 4:00 and 6:30 p.m.
December 25th:	Mass times are Midnight and 9:00 a.m.
December 31st:	Mass at 4:00 p.m.
January 1st:	Mass at 9:00 a.m.

Dates for your Calendar



Dec. 13, after 4 & 6:30 p.m. Masses	Feast of St. Lucy, Scavenger Hunt of Lights!
Dec. 14, 7 a.m.-noon	Men's Society Pancake & Sausage Breakfast
Dec. 19, 11:30 a.m.	Parish Office will close early
Dec. 21 after 10:30 a.m. Mass	Countdown to Christmas! Specialty Drink served
Dec. 22, 6-7 p.m.	Confessions
Dec. 23, 6-7 p.m.	Confessions
Dec. 24, 25, & 26	Parish Office will be closed
Dec. 28, after 10:30 a.m. Mass	Thank you Santa! Santa will be dropping by after the 10:30 Mass, there will be Bingo & prizes as well as a light meal
Dec. 31	Parish Office will be closed
Jan. 1 & 2	Parish Office will be closed
Jan. 4, after 10:30 a.m. Mass	Patriotic Rosary will be said after the 10:30 a.m. Mass

— Parish Data —

PARISH CALENDAR

Monday, December 15

Tuesday, December 16

6:00 p.m. Joint Council Meeting

Wednesday, December 17

11:00 a.m. Merry Widows lunch at Sprouts
PTO Meeting

6:00 p.m.

Thursday, December 18

5:30-7:00 p.m. Choir Practice for Christmas

Friday, December 19

11:30 a.m. Parish office will close early
School Dimisses early today for Christmas Break

Fourth Sunday in Advent Activity: Countdown to Christmas!
Specialty drink served after the 10:30 a.m. Mass

Saturday, December 20

4:00 p.m. Mass

6:30 p.m. Mass

Sunday, December 21

8:00 a.m. Mass
No Families of Faith
Mass

10:30 a.m.

**Pray with our Holy Father, Pope Leo XIV
the monthly intention for December 2025:**

Let us pray that Christians living in areas of war or conflict, especially in the Middle East, might be seeds of peace, reconciliation, and hope.



WEEKLY PARISH OFFERING

Week 23	December 6/7	Total Year-to-Date
Loose Collection	\$ 1,011.00	\$ 20,677.84
Weekly Envelopes	\$ 19,090.00	\$ 233,109.22
Electronic Deposits	\$ 0.00	\$ 35,145.00
Total, December 6/7	\$ 20,101.00	\$ 288,932.06
Budget Goal <i>(we need no less than this to stay out of deficit spending for the year!)</i>	\$ 13,000.00	\$ 299,000.00
Difference	\$ 7,101.00	(\$ -10,067.94)

Money Counters : Monday, December 15, 2025
Diana Dietrich Anna Benz Kelly Weiman

Suggested Tithing Chart

Per hour	Per year	2% per week	4% per week	6% per week	8% per week	10% per week	12% per week
\$15	\$30,000	\$12	\$24	\$36	\$48	\$60	\$72
\$20	\$40,000	\$16	\$32	\$48	\$64	\$80	\$96
\$25	\$50,000	\$20	\$40	\$60	\$80	\$100	\$120
\$30	\$60,000	\$24	\$48	\$72	\$96	\$120	\$144
\$35	\$70,000	\$28	\$56	\$84	\$112	\$140	\$168
\$40	\$80,000	\$32	\$64	\$96	\$138	\$160	\$192
\$45	\$90,000	\$36	\$72	\$108	\$144	\$180	\$216
\$50	\$100,000	\$40	\$80	\$120	\$160	\$200	\$240

*Approximated based on 40 hour-work week and 2,000 hour work-year.
Thank you for reviewing and considering your parish tithe each year.*

Parish Ministry Schedule - Sat.& Sun., December 20 & 21, 2025

	Saturday, 4:00 PM	Saturday, 6:30 PM	Sunday, 8:00 AM	Sunday, 10:30 AM
Key Minister/	Jr. & Jackie Dreyer		Gene & Rita Goerlich	Pat & Amanda Veile
Lector	Mary Courty	Dave Keck	Mike Hummel	Jen Dyer
Usher	Jr. Dreyer Tom Grawe Jack Kuhlman Mike Zanger	Jason Benz George Benz Dan Boone Ryan Boone	Gene Goerlich Jerry Grawe Anthony Haley Mike Hummel	Ken Klauser Brian Koch David McCleary Larry Weiman
Servers	Gus Venvertloh Madeline Lowe	The Mathews Family	Luke & Addison Weiman	Thomas Dyer Timmy Obert
Greeters/ Gift Bearers	Mary Koch	Carolyn Waterkotte	Mike & Kay Hummel	Andrew Veile
Rosary Leader	Mike Zanger	The Mathews Family	Giny Baker	The McCleary Family

In charity, please remember in your prayers: All Caregivers, The Shut-Ins of our Parish, Military Members and their families, Mike Hildebrand, Jackie Schieferdecker, Dennis Meyer, Winnie Huber, Cindy Barner, Tom Ness, Brian Dittmer, Jim Brinkman
Also please remember in your prayers those who have died in 2025: Eric Fischer, Dorothy Parn, Ruth Schmelzle, Rich Rakers, Rosalyn Boone, Bob Maas, Mary Gehrt, Brother Earl Benz, Annette Goehl, James Ponsot, Kent Mast, Dick Wand, Leo Dietrich, Mark Sherwood

December 14, 2025

Nursing Care Patients

IL Veterans Home

Michael Hildebrand
Verne Hagstrom

Good Samaritan

Marcia Hays

Sunset Assisted Living

Richard Blickhan

Curtis Creek

Sally McCarl

Adams Pointe-

N. Adams Arbor

Rose Cherry

Mt. Sterling Health & Rehab.

Jowanna Campos

Quincy Health Care &

Senior Living

Mary Bange

Blessed Sacrament Church is seeking to fill the role of **full time Parish Secretary** to support the daily operations of our parish. This position is open for **immediate hire**. The role is ideal for someone who enjoys working with people, has strong administrative skills, and is comfortable using technology and databases to keep parish life running smoothly. For more information please contact Audreana Derhake at 217.222.2759 or faithformation@blessedscs.org

St. Peter Job Opening - Director of Liturgy and Music

St. Peter's Church is looking for a Full Time or Part time - Director of Liturgy and Music. This person will oversee all aspects of the parish's liturgical life. Qualifications requested are a professional who holds specialized credentials in music and has a thorough understanding of Roman Catholic liturgy, serves the parish as principal musician, organist/pianist, and choir director. This person of faith is responsible for the technology in the church and effective planning, coordination, and execution of both the rituals and music for the parish liturgies. Salary ranges from \$20,000 to \$40,000. Please send resume along with 2 references to St. Peter Parish Office, 2600 Maine Street, Quincy IL, 62301 or email k.smith@cosppq.org.



ADVENT GIVING TREE It's time! The Advent Giving Tree is ready for you to take a tag(s). The gifts will benefit Birthright. This is their main source of supplies for the year. The WCU matching fund will be a part of every gift card that is donated. Please return the items, with the tag you take off the tree attached, by December 14th as we will be delivering everything that week. Gift bags and wrapping the gifts is optional. There will be a large wrapped box for baby care items such as diaper, wipes, etc. Once

again thank-you and God bless you for your generosity.

MEMORIAL DONATIONS FOR CHRISTMAS FLOWERS:

In order to be published in the bulletin, the donations for the flowers to decorate the church at Christmas will need to be sent in by December 19th. Thank you.

COLLECTING SOCKS & UNDERWEAR

From now until Christmas, our parish will once again be collecting new socks and underwear for the needy. Totes will be located in the Church vestibule for drop-off. All sizes are needed for men, women, boys and girls. All donations will stay local and support our parish, school and Ladies of Charity. Thank you holy people for your generosity! Please call Deacon Dennis Holbrook with any questions, 217-257-4384.

Memorial Candles and Pictures from the Memorial Mass

We have the pictures and the candles (if you didn't take yours already) in the parish office for you to pick up. The office hours are Monday-Friday, 8 a.m.-1:00 p.m.



DECEMBER GROCERY ITEMS

Soup & Crackers

The Ladies of Charity & Catholic Charities

Thank You

Welcome
**Cory & Cassidy Kinman
& son Cruz**

to our
St. Anthony Parish Family!



Let Jesus Feed Your Marriage in 2026!

Renew your Sacrament, deepen your communication, strengthen your relationship, and rekindle your romance by attending a Worldwide Marriage Encounter Experience! The following upcoming weekend experiences are available. Sign-up now as space is limited! For more information or to apply, go to wwme.org, or call Terry & Eric Engholm at 314-649-7317.

4/17/2026 - 4/19/2026, St. Peters, MO

6/12/2026 - 6/14/2026, St. Peters, MO



Needing Lectors and Servers for the Upcoming Christmas and New Year's Masses:

Please contact the parish office or email bulletin@stanthonypadua.org if you are able to volunteer for one or more of these times.

Servers needed: Dec. 24th at 6:30 p.m. Mass; Dec. 25th at 9:00 a.m. Mass.

Lectors needed: Dec. 25th at Midnight Mass ; Dec. 31st at 4:00 p.m. Mass

Thank you in advance.



Safe Environment Program

To report all allegations of Sexual Abuse of a Minor by Clergy-Even if it is in the past- Individuals are encouraged to call:
The Diocesan Child Abuse Reporting and Investigation Number (217) 321-1156

QND Immediate Job Opening

Quincy Notre Dame High School is seeking qualified candidates for a Maintenance/Groundskeeper position. Qualified candidates should submit a cover letter, resume and two letters of reference by Friday, December 5, to QND Principal Mark McDowell at mmcdowell@qndhs.org. Compensation is based on skill set and related experience and ranges from \$17-\$22 per hour. More specific information will be provided upon request. QND Employee Benefits: Paid Time Off, Paid Paternal Leave, Health Insurance, Dental Insurance, Eye Insurance, Basic Life Insurance, Voluntary Life Insurance, and 403B Plan.



Welcome to all visitors to St. Anthony Parish!

If you are searching for a place to call home please consider becoming a member of our parish family. It is very simple to sign up. Just call the parish office (217-222-5996) and indicate that you would like to join our parish and a registration form will be sent to you or emailed to you.

Quincy Catholic Charities Food Pantry needs your help to serve our communities. 1 + 1 = 2 Or it can mean so much more when we partner together!! Please consider purchasing a 5,10, 25\$ or more gift card when you purchase Gene Grawe Fund cards at the St Peter's church location. Cards for Niemann Foods, HyVee, Walmart, or VISA will be used to purchase needed items. To make it very simple for you, these cards you purchase are then left at the office to be donated to the Quincy Catholic Charities Food Pantry. When the Pantry receives cash or gift cards they can purchase the items needed to provide nutritious assistance. Win Win! Your student receives the funds through the Gene Grawe Fund program and the Pantry can make the donation go farther by purchasing needed items in bulk at a cheaper rate offered by our grocery partners.

Quincy Catholic Charities is seeking a part-time Office Assistant. The hours for this position are Monday, Wednesday and Friday from 8:30-4:30, with some flexibility to determine the set schedule. Interested candidates can apply on Indeed. For additional information you may reach out to Kevin Williams, Area Director at Williams_qcc@cc.dio.org.

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Dr. Tim Gray & Dr. John Sehorn

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